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For : DOCK-TO-DOCK RECEIVING AND  
DISPENSING FOR POSTAL PROCESSING CENTER

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend their application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-16 were amended during the International Phase on May 14, 2001. Please replace claims 1-16 with the following rewritten claims:

1. (Amended) A postal processing facility including a sorting system that receives mail in trays and sorts mail to trays and a dock area including a plurality of transportation docks that provide interface with transportation vehicles, comprising:

a receiving and dispatching system having at least one receiving and dispatching assembly that loads trays of sorted mail from a sorting system to transportation fixtures and unloads trays of mail to be sorted from transportation fixtures to the sorting system; and

wherein said receiving and dispatching system is at the dock area of the postal processing facility thereby providing substantially direct movement of fixtures between transportation vehicles and said receiving and dispatching system.

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